

... IN THE SOCIAL REALM ...

A Song in Doubt.

Is it lover or friend that she holds me?
I know not, but know
That she shapes me and moulds me
As sculptor the pliable clay;
My longing, it floods and enfolds me
As does earth the snow,
Or as, at the lute of the thrush song,
The darkness the day.
Her eyes are as skies at their fairest,
Unfathomably blue,
Her lips are as rarest
Anemones touched by the sun;
Ah heart of my heart, if thou carest,
Then give me the clue
That shall point out the radiant path-
way to paradise won!

Bennet Stephens in Munsey's.

Richmond's Younger Set.

Richmond has, perhaps, more pretty girls in its younger set than most cities of its size. Many of these charming young maidens are beauties by inheritance; their mothers and grandmothers having been famous belles in their day, rejoicing to see the tale of their own loveliness repeated in this younger generation who, in a little while, will set hearts aflame on their own account.

It seems a pity for those who are to be left behind, that many of these young ladies will be at select finishing schools next winter, thus holding the important event of their debut for a season or two longer. Miss Ella Buck will be at a fashionable New York establishment and Mrs. Buck will spend the winter in the metropolis so as to be near her daughter.

Miss Page Aylott Royall will attend Chevy Chase School, just comfortably outside of Washington, D. C., and presided over by a French principal, Mademoiselle Lea Boulligny. Miss Marie Potts will also be at Chevy Chase, which has a widely extended reputation for style and exclusiveness.

Miss Anne Keith Royall will attend the Chatham Episcopal Institute at Chatham, Va., a Virginia school in which Bishop Randolph takes great interest, it being under the direct supervision of Mrs. Richard H. Wills. Miss Imogen Warwick and Miss Mary Davis, are two other young girls from Richmond, who will go to Chatham.

There is a famous school for girls at Chestnut Hill, a suburb of Philadelphia. Five or six Richmond girls will be here, among them, Miss Carrie Benson, Miss Louise Harrison, Miss Alice Doyle, Miss Mary Moore and Miss Johnston, the sister of Miss Mary Johnston, the authoress.

Miss Bessie Jackson will go to a northern college. Miss Elsie Lindsey and Miss Frances Myers will be students in Miss McCulloch's school, not far from Baltimore, in a beautiful part of Maryland.

In a short while these young ladies will have finished with school life. Then their names will make a brilliant list, and the season which knows them as debutantes will be a memorable one, indeed.

Debutantes of the Season.
Last June was given up to the sweet girl graduates. This autumn and winter will be given over to the debutantes, at each year witness their entrance into the fascinating world of society.

Miss Louise McAdams, who graduated with distinction at Cathedral School, near Washington, D. C., in the class of 1894, will make her formal entrance into the social whirl of Richmond this winter.

Miss McAdams is the daughter of Mrs. Estelle Branch McAdams and the late Thomas B. McAdams, and is extremely popular among a large circle of Richmond friends.

Miss McAdams's cousin, Miss Martha Bowie, will continue her studies at Vassar College this year, where she expects to win honors, as so many Southern girls have done at Northern colleges.

Miss Nellie Tompkins, the daughter of Dr. Christopher Tompkins and Mrs. Tompkins, presents another charming figure on the debutante list. Other names appearing will include those of Miss Hattie Shields, Miss Ella Hammond, Miss Courtney Crump and Miss Brent Will.

The season will formally open with the beginning of the Germans in December, but the buds will all be in modest evidence at the Horse Show and at the garden parties and teas which are such agreeable features of the autumn in Richmond.

At the Woman's Club.
Tea will be served at the Woman's Club on Monday afternoon, and thereafter every day from 5 to 7 o'clock. The regular entertainments will begin on October 5th, when the club will celebrate its tenth anniversary by giving an afternoon reception at which each member will be entitled to invite one lady friend.

In Honor of Mrs. Houston.
August proved anything but a dull month to the whist players who happened to be in Richmond, especially to the members of the Stay-at-Home Club, who not only turned out five and six tables strong every Monday evening, but also enjoyed a number of whist parties given in honor of Mrs. Emily Glasgow Houston, who as usual spent a part of the summer with her father.

Mrs. Houston herself started the ball, which was kept rolling by her friends, Mrs. S. W. Travers, Mrs. Bland Smith, Miss Claire Guillemain, Mrs. W. B. Palmer and Mrs. C. W. P. Brock, being among those who entertained, while "quiet



MRS. LOWNDES RHETT.

Mrs. Rhett, who now has her home in New York, was before her marriage Miss Frances Marlin Fairfax, of Maryland, a sister of Lord Fairfax, of New York and London, who only assumed his title about a year ago.

Mrs. Rhett is a handsome blonde, with lovely blue eyes and a complexion like a wild rose. She is closely related to the Virginia Fairfaxes.

gamer" were in order almost every evening. Mrs. Houston expects to return to the regret of her Richmond friends.

Compton-Yancey.

Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Yancey, of McChesneyville, near Harrisonburg, have issued cards announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Frances Compton, to Mr. W. E. Yancey, of Charlottesville. The wedding will take place on Wednesday, September 7th, at 10:30 o'clock A. M. at the Methodist Church, of McChesneyville, and will be solemnized by the Rev. Dr. S. K. Cox. After the marriage the young couple will reside in Charlottesville, where Mr. Compton is engaged in business.

Miss Yancey is the daughter of a very large family of McChesneyville and is very popular in that village and in Harrisonburg. Mr. Compton is a well known and popular young man, who has been with the Martin Hardware Company for some time and who has proved himself a splendid young business man. He was a native of Harrisonburg before moving to Charlottesville.

Natural Bridge Excursion.
Tickets are selling rapidly for the Young Men's Christian Association excursion to-morrow to the famous Natural Bridge of Virginia. The scenery all along the route is a continual feast. East of the Blue Ridge are great stretches of cultivated plains and gently rolling lowlands, which for a century have been noted for their pastoral loveliness. Then comes the mountain belt, peculiar for the number of its ranges. The great upthrust was wrinkled in the great upheaval, when the earth was young, into parallel waves of mountains, and along these rise solid billows of unusual height, even as isolated and towering billows are found at sea. The way lies through gorges, with all the possible varieties of striking mountain scenery which can be found below the line of perpetual snow, and then the tourist's mecca is reached, and Natural Bridge forms a beautiful contrast to the dominating mountains.

September at Millboro.
The season is still in full swing at Millboro Springs. Last Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Winston, of Richmond, assembled twenty-five of the guests for a hayride to Millboro Station. This moonlight excursion was enhanced in charm by toasts, sparkling in wit and sentiment, offered by Mrs. James R. V. of Richmond. As a brilliant climax to the season's gayeties, Mrs. J. Graham Davidson offered her guests on Wednesday night an entertainment which proved an intellectual treat. The affair was called a Tree Contest. The splendid ball-room had been converted into a woodland bower and wreaths and garlands added to the picturesque effects. Sixteen varieties of trees were suspended for the inspection of the guests. In addition, a conundrum of sixteen lines with different trees as answers, engaged the undivided attention of the contesters.

Miss Ruth Burton, a charming brunette of Richmond, won the ladies' prize, which was happily presented by Professor R. E. Gaines, of Richmond College. Mrs. Channing Williams Daniels was the successful contestant for the gentlemen's prize. Delicious refreshments were served at the close by Miss Margaret Davidson and Miss Emily Watkins. Mrs. Davidson was heartily congratulated on the success of her efforts, aided by her clever assistants, Messdames Winston and Gaines, of Richmond, and Mrs. M. C. Clanton, of Montgomery, Ala.

In reference to the entertainments special mention should be made of the musicale in which Mrs. Davidson's rich soprano is heard to great advantage. Miss Lillian Gragard, of New Orleans, a vivacious and pretty blonde, added each day to her string of admirers. She is charmed by her sister, Mrs. Stevill, one of Richmond's most attractive matrons. The season has been remarkable brilliant, the guests being drawn from the representative circles of Washington, Philadelphia, Louisville, New Orleans and Montgomery, with a large contingent from Martinsville, Charlottesville, Lynchburg and Richmond.

Mrs. Walter B. Adams, of Louisville, Ky., who has just left, was in all the diversions a favorite partner and formidable antagonist. Mrs. J. W. Daniel, of Martinsville, enjoys the reputation of being the most graceful and stylish of the matrons. Her ready repartee lends zest to conversation and makes her a leader in the various pastimes. Mrs. Edwin Cox, of Richmond, has a winning and gracious manner and holds almost as many constituents as her popular husband. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Cottrell are much admired by all, and add to the reputation which the capital city has won for itself as a home of refinement and culture. Among other attractive Richmonders are Mrs. Lucy Meany and Mrs. Edmund Meany, Miss McKenney, Mrs.

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Where Are You Going To-Morrow Morning?

To Kaufmann's, to see the first Fall Styles of Autumn Suits and Coats. I hear they have an early showing of Ready-to-Wear Garments. The past few days, it's true, have dulled the edge of desire for such apparel—but your needs may be keen enough in a day or two. The frosty mornings and chilly nights will not be poetic fancies long. You'll go a long ways to find an equal showing, and all winter, before you find nobbler or better Covert Coats or Pedestrian Skirts, for rain or shine.

Wrap and Suit Department on Second Floor.

invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Jessie Davis, to Mr. J. Bouldin Cumber, the marriage to take place Wednesday, September 7th, 1904, at 7:30 P. M., at Mill Creek Baptist Church.

Miss Helen Lathrop is visiting Miss Sallie Wilson, at South Boston, Va.

Misses Ida Beveridge and Alma Cecil are the guests of the Misses Carrington, at South Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Glasgow, of Roanoke, Va., will remove to Philadelphia, where they will make their home in future.

Miss Jennie Pelouse, of 720 East Marshall Street, who recently took such a pleasant party to the World's Fair, has been requested to repeat the trip, and will do so about the first of October.

Mrs. P. L. Gunn returned last Thursday from a very agreeable stay at the Cold Sulphur Springs and the Brandon Hotel, Basic City.

Mrs. J. Bell Bigler and Miss Lucy Bigler have returned to the city after spending a pleasant summer at Crozet, Va.

Mrs. B. F. Ladd and Miss Peggie Bigler have returned to their home on Park Avenue, after spending the summer in the Virginia mountains.

Mr. I. D. Cardozo, who spent the summer at the Cold Sulphur, returned to Richmond several days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Lee Wetzel left yesterday for a few weeks' trip through the North and West. They will remain some time at the World's Fair at St. Louis.



MISS LULIE DREW BARHAM.

Miss Barham, who is known throughout the States for her beauty and accomplishments, is the daughter of Hon. Joseph L. Barham, of Newsum's, Va.

Miss Barham has recently been appointed maid of honor to the Confederate reunion in Lynchburg September 14th, from the Second District.

caused by acute inflammation of the eyes.

Mr. J. Baldwin, son of Capt. Thomas D. Hanson, of the Staunton bar, will be married on Wednesday, September 7th to Miss Jane S. Brown, daughter of Judge Thompson Brown, of Nelson county.

Mrs. Charles Robins is visiting her aunt, Miss Mary B. Berkeley, in Staunton, Va.

Lieutenant Rushrod C. Washington, of Charles Town, W. Va., says the Winchester News-Item, contributes to the August number of the Confederate Veteran an interesting sketch of the late Henry D. Beall, one of his former comrades in arms of the famous "Bayard Light Horse," Co. B, 12th Va. Cavalry, and one of Gen. J. E. B. Stuart's most trusted scouts. Mr. Beall was at one time editor of the old Winchester Weekly Times.

Mrs. West and Miss Lillie West have returned from summering at "Cedar Hill," Albemarle county.

Mrs. Ruth Fleury has been appointed sponsor for Marauder Camp, Confederate Veterans, with Miss Lucile Aylor as maid of honor, for the reunion to be held in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oberhelmer, of Mill Creek, Buchanan county, have issued

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Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Stannard spent two weeks very pleasantly in upper Virginia and in Shenandoah Valley.

Mrs. C. H. Brannon, of Baltimore, who has been spending the summer with her parents, Captain and Mrs. Caudle, of No. 46 North Seventh Street, left for her home yesterday.

Miss Belle Cutler English and sister, Alice, left Friday for a week's visit in Washington city.

Miss Van Vort, of No. 514 East Grace Street, who has been spending the summer in the mountains of Pennsylvania, has returned.

Miss Zelle Minor is enjoying her vacation with her friends, the Winstons, of "Malvern," near Apple Grove, Louisa county.

LADIES' ATTENTION.
M. Bannett & Co., the fashionable ladies' Tailors of New York and New Orleans, announce that Mr. Bannett has just returned with a large selection of Imported Models and Novelties, which are on exhibition at 715 W. Main Street. All our patrons and ladies in general are cordially invited.

Since Mr. Kipling's diatribe, "The Islanders," in which he scored

"The flannelled fool at the wicket and the muddled cat at the goal," there has been nothing so severe and striking from his pen as his recent poem, "Things and the Man," which appeared simultaneously in Collier's Weekly and the London Times. The poem powerfully expresses Mr. Kipling's belief in the theories of protection which Mr. Chamberlain is now advancing.

We reproduce this morning the first, second and last stanzas of "Things and the Man," and add a very clever parody from a contributor.

THINGS AND THE MAN.

By RUDYARD KIPLING.

"And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren; and they hated him yet the more."—Genesis XXXVII. 5

O H, ye who hold the written clew
To all save all unwritten things,
And half a league behind pursue
The accomplished fact with flouts and flings,
Look, to your knee your baby brings
The oldest tale since earth began,
The answer to your worryings—
Once on a time there was a man.

He single-handed met and threw
Mighty arm, ogres, kings;
He lonely mid his doubting crew
In all the loneliness of wings;
He fed the flame, he filled the springs,
He locked the ranks, he launched the van
Straight at the grinning teeth of things.
Once on a time there was a man.

A bolt is fallen from the blue,
A wakened realm full circle swings
Where Dothan's dreamer dreams anew
Of vast forborne harvestings;
An unto him an ample clings
That grips the purpose of his plan.
My lords, what think ye of these things?
Once in our time is there a man?

THINGS AND AN ASS.

(With the author's compliments to Mr. Kipling.)

And the ass seeing him, thrust herself close to the wall and braced the foot of the rider—Numbers XXII. 28.

Oh, ye, whoever you may be,
Who hold to all unwritten things,
And written too, and things you see,
And those who don't the clue that brings
These, when you choose, to fullest view,
With more which ne'er may come to past,
One thing perhaps you never knew—
Once on a time there was an ass.